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1. There was air activity at Wittstock airfield between 20 March and 8 April 1954. Particularly noteworthy were flights in squadron formation made on 25 March and 5 April. For these flights aircraft took off in elements of twos. On 20 March, swept-back jet fighters practiced individual flying. On 24 March individual flying and aerobatics were observed. On 27 March, individual flights were made in the morning, while formation flying in elements of twos and fours was practiced in the afternoon. On 31 March, individual flying and flying in elements of twos was observed. On 7 April, air activity included formation flying in elements of twos and fours and diving. 1
2. On 27 March, the Token-type radar set on Rockstaedter Berg (hill) had been removed. On 30 March, a Token-type radar set for the first time was observed on Scharfenberg west of the Scharfenberg brickyard. 2
3. Shortly before noon on 25 March, there was intensive air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. During the afternoon of 27 March, there was intensive flying. About 2:50 p.m., a formation of four aircraft took off.
4. During air activity observed at the field between 1 and 14 April, flights in formations of between 12 and 16 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made on 5 and 9 April were particularly noteworthy. There was the usual air activity on 1, 10, 13, and 14 April.
5. On 7 April, there was formation flying in groups of four swept-back jet fighters. The aircraft took off individually and in elements of twos. A swept-back jet fighter dropped an air sleeve over the field. 1
6. Six 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement at the western edge of the field. 3

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7. Two Kniferest-type radar sets were observed at the field. A radio station, consisting of two masts, about 75 meters apart, was observed near Berlinchen. On the masts which were about 15 meters high, an antenna of three wires was fitted. A Token-type radar set was observed on top of Scharfenberg west of the Wittstock-Herzprung road and about 2.5 km south of Wittstock. 2

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1. Comment. During the reported period, there was intensive air activity by the fighter regiments stationed at Wittstock airfield. aircraft reported for the first time, previously observed at Grossenhain, at Finow at Wittstock, and at Neuruppin.
2. Comment. Probably the Token-type radar set previously located at Rockstaedter Berg was moved to Scharfenberg. The Scharfenberg is located about 3.25 km south of the center of Wittstock, west of the Wittstock-Herzprung road. The other radar sets mentioned were reported previously. The outer low frequency approach beacon is located near Berlinchen.
3. Comment. In the first half of March 1954, a total of 10 x 37-mm AA guns had been observed in and near this AA gun emplacement.

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